

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (clean copy)

An authentication system that permits the user to use a function by authenticating the user in a more reliable manner than conventional technologies. The authentication system includes a user terminal, an authentication recording medium, and wireless ID tags. Upon receiving from a user an instruction to activate a function provided by the authentication system for which the access by the user is limited, the user terminal collects ID codes from the wireless ID tags, and judge whether or not a level of match between the collected ID codes and the ID codes stored beforehand in the authentication recording medium satisfies a predetermined condition. If the level of match satisfies the predetermined condition, the user terminal activates the designated function.